

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed July 10, 2003, has been received and carefully reviewed. The Office Action was discussed during a personal interview on September 5, 2003, for which, as an initial matter, the undersigned would like to thank the Examiner for taking his time to discuss this case and for his helpful comments and suggestions.

FIG. 2 has been amended to show the motor and delete the cooling fan that was previously added. The Examiner has acknowledged that the addition of the motor to the drawings could be allowed based on the fact that one of ordinary skill in the art would readily recognize the placement of the motor relative to the housing and blade. FIG. 2 has also been amended to delete the reference numeral 11b. Accordingly, the specification has been amended to delete the reference numeral corresponding to the cooling fan, and to delete the description of reference numeral "11b" in FIG. 2, namely the cover 11b. The specification has also been amended to correct the serial number in paragraph [0058]. No new matter has been added.

Claims 8-9 and 17-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 8-9 have been canceled without prejudice thereby rendering the Section 112, first paragraph, rejection moot. However, claims 17-22 do not recite a cooling device or a fan and,

therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the Section 112, first paragraph, rejection in connection with those claims be withdrawn.

Claims 1-7 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Foreign Document 11-170203. Claims 1-2, 8-9, 10-15, and 18-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vavrik. These references have been carefully reviewed but are not believed to show or suggest Applicant's invention as now claimed in any manner. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is therefore respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

As discussed during the personal interview with the Examiner, and as indicated in the Interview Summary, claim 1 (and similarly claim 18) has been amended and it now requires a blade case comprising a blade cover adapted to substantially cover at least one lateral side of the saw blade, wherein the blade cover includes an inner wall and the light is mounted to a part of the inner wall that opposes to the saw blade in the lateral direction. The first embodiment shown in Figures 1 and 2 of the Foreign Document 11-170203 illustrates a light 3 disposed within a hinged portion 1a that pivotally connects the motor housing 1 to the base 2, and the second embodiment shown in Figures 3 and 4 illustrates a light 3 attached to a hinged portion 1a and extending therefrom. Vavrik teaches a light 48 mounted within frame 1 above the saw blade wherein the light is transmitted through rod 19. Neither Foreign Document 11-170203 nor Vavrik teaches a blade case comprising a

blade cover adapted to substantially cover at least one lateral side of the saw blade and having an inner wall wherein the light is mounted to a part of the inner wall that opposes the saw blade in the lateral direction, as now required by claim 1. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 18 are patentable over the prior art.

Claims 2-7, 10-17, and 26 are dependent from claim 1 and are therefore allowable for the same reasons as claim 1.

Claims 19-22 are dependent from claim 18 and are therefore allowable for the same reasons as claim 18.

New claims 30 and 31 are substantially of the same scope as claims 1 and 18, respectively, however, they further require the blade case to have a gear housing as well. Therefore, claims 30 and 31 are believed to be allowable for the same reasons as claims 1 and 18, respectively.

Each issue raised in the Office Action mailed July 10, 2003, has been addressed and it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Wherefore, Applicant respectfully requests a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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